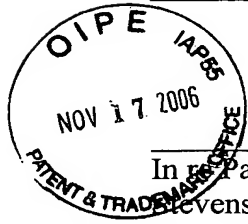


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this communication.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.